Submit original with signatures + 1 copy + electronic copy to Faculty Senate (Box 7500).

See http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures-/ for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

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BA 467: Current Topics in Management: Leading Change

Fall 2011, Meeting in DUCK 252; T/TH: 9:45-11:15am

Instructor: Office: Northern Leadership Center

Nicole Cundiff PhD Room: 208D Bunnell

Director: Northern Leadership Center **Office Hours**:

Email: nlcundiff2@alaska.edu Tue & Thur: 2:00-4:00p Phone: 907-474-5401 Or by appointment

Website for the course: http://classes.uaf.cdu

We will be using Blackboard for this course. The address above gets you to **the login page for Blackboard**. You will need to login using your campus network id and select this course. The website contains all of the computer-generated slides (PowerPoint) used in the course. Many students print these slides and bring them to class to take notes (the instructor will not stop to allow time for students to copy the slides by hand). The website also contains your grade book. You are only able to see your own grades. In addition, the webpage contains a copy of the syllabus and the course schedule.

Required Text:

T. Jick & M. Peiperl. (2011). Managing Change: Cases and Concepts (3rd ed.). McGraw Hill, ISBN 978-0-07-310274-0

Course Description: Examines current management trends with regard to major theories and practices in the field. Topics of interest could include organizational development, performance appraisal, personnel selection and international human resources management. Prerequisites: BA 307; BA 390. (3+0)

Course Objectives: The course is designed to explore some of the technologies for intervening in organizations to develop their capability and to achieve change. We will explore the way in which change agents deal with their conflicting demands and ways of balancing these demands. The thrust of the text is how to become a leading change agent within your organization. Most of the materials covered in the text will be a review from prior behavioral or management courses. The emphasis in this course will be to extend your understanding and apply the concepts and theories.

Organization of the Class: The class will be conducted as a seminar. Emphasis will be on student participation and hands on experience. Assigned readings and cases have been assigned from week 2 through week 15. You will be required to read these assignments and come prepared to class. Tuesday's will be mainly be given over to either discuss material, lecture, or used as lab to work with your group. Thursday's will be mainly for speakers and group presentations with some discussion on material/lab time.

Preparation for class. You need to plan on reading and reflecting upon assigned materials before the scheduled discussion, while the focus each week is on the theory developed in each module, the cases taken up each week should be discussed in light of

the previous theory that was covered. The framework in the text builds week by week into a broader perspective on the process of managing change.

Every day you need to bring to the class insights from the readings, personal experience, or close thinking about the issues. Generally, we will take a "critical evaluative" perspective to the subject, where presentations will be made and evaluations on the presentations will be given through discussion and question and answer sessions.

• We will be exploring ideas and testing their merits. This discussion is helpful if the GUIDES TO PROFESSIONAL CRITICISM that is attached is observed. It is also good professional training to be able to handle other viewpoints and criticism in a constructive way.

Attendance. Attendance will be monitored based on the entire class period. Perfect attendance (no unexcused absences) earns additional points; excessive absences are penalized. Bonus or penalty points are assigned for attendance as follows:

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0	+10
1	+5
2	0
3	-5
4 or more	-10

Student Expectations:

- 1. Students are expected to **clarify any questions/doubts** they may have regarding material presented in the lecture or in the text, during class, during office hours, or by e-mail.
- 2. Students are expected to maintain professional decorum while in the classroom. Carrying on conversation with neighbors, reading newspapers during lectures, or other disturbances is viewed as discourteous to the class. You are expected to stay in your seat until class is dismissed as the process of leaving while class is going on is disturbing to others in the classroom. If you have a prior appointment, sit in the back rows so that you can exit with minimum disruption to the class. During exams, however, those who finish earlier than others may leave quietly when they are done.
- 3. Cell phones and pagers are to be turned off during class.
- 4. The attempt of a student to present the work of others as his or her own, or to present any work not honestly performed, or to use improper aids to complete a project is a serious offense and will be treated with extreme prejudice. The aiding and abetting in any dishonesty is likewise held to be a breach of ethics. Do not cheat and do not tolerate other's cheating. If you are unsure whether some particular action is unethical or dishonest, review the Student Conduct Code Chapter 9.02 (www.aiaska.edu/bor/policy-regulations/) Students caught plagiarizing or cheating will be disciplined according to the appropriate Department/School of Management/University of Alaska guidelines.

Effective communication:

Students who have difficulties with oral presentations and/or writing are strongly encouraged to get help from the UAF Department of Communication's Speaking Center (Phone 907-474-5470, email <u>speak@naf.edu</u>) and the UAF English's Department's Writing Center (Phone 907-474-5314, location Gruening 8th floor).

10 Strikes Rule:

As this course has a lot of writing involved, under the School of Management's new policy for writing intensive courses written assignments will be subject to a 10 strikes rule. This means that if there are 10 or more errors (spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc...) the assignment will be returned to the student for corrections. No credit will be given until the errors are corrected and resubmitted in a timely fashion (within 4 days). A letter grade will be deducted each time the assignment is returned to the student. This rule will be strictly enforced. If you need assistance meeting this standard, please refer to the writing center.

Students with Disabilities:

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is committed to equal opportunity for students with disabilities. Students with learning or other disabilities are encouraged to visit the Office of Disability Services website at www.uaf.edu/chc/disability.html or contact the coordinator of Disability Services at the Center for Health and Counseling at 474-7043 or the Office of Disabilities Services (208 WHIT, 474-5655). If you have a disability and require reasonable accommodations, please let me know as soon as practicable so that your needs may be met.

Group Processes:

Each group is charged with writing up *five* cases and the associated theory —one from each of the first five modules. All class members are responsible to read and understand the theory and case(s) taken up each week. In addition, each group is charged with presenting their approach in one session (1-hour presentation/discussion). Group numbers will be distributed in the first class. Two grades will be assigned:

- o A group grade is assigned for the professionalism and clarity of the presentation. See guidelines for mechanics of presentation.
- A second grade is assigned to the written reports (the quality of the analysis of the theory (readings 40%) and application of theory to the case (60%).
- Marginal differences among group members are based on class attendance, leadership development project, and the scores earned on the in class examinations.

Leadership Development:

• Attend a leadership development event, put on by SOLD, the NLC (Northern Leadership Center), the LIVE program, or other pre-approved event that has to do with your personal leadership development (event can be past dated if student is constrained on time). Write a reflection on what you learned at the event and/or how assisting with the event assists you in obtaining your personal leadership development. A list of events will be provided; along with occasional updates throughout the class.

OR

• Work with SOLD (Student's Offering Leadership Development)
Attend at least 3 meetings (sign-in for class members will be available at the meetings) and see what the student group has to offer. See how working with a group like SOLD would benefit you as a leader.

Exams:

- Format: There will be two in-class exams. The second exam will be held during finals
 week and will be comprehensive. Each of the exams will consist of 40 multiple-choice
 items and 2 short answer. Exam scores will be posted on the course webpage
 (Blackboard) usually within 2-3 days after the exam is given.
- 2. Procedures: You must be on time for the exam. Students will not be permitted to talk once the exam starts. Furthermore, no earphones, radio transmitters, hats etc. are permitted during the exam. When you finish your exam, check your answers. Turn in your answer sheet and exit the room quietly.
- 3. Absences from the exam: All exams must be taken at the time scheduled. No make-up exam will be given except for medical emergencies or uncontrollable situations. In such situations, the instructor has to be informed IN ADVANCE of the exam. If the student is unable to call or leave an e-mail message with the instructor personally, have a roommate, neighbor, friend, or relative call or e-mail the instructor BEFORE the exam is given. Only the instructor can approve an excuse for absence from an exam.
- 4. Academic Dishonesty: Students are strictly forbidden from talking or communicating with another student, looking at another student's paper, consulting notes during the exam, or cheating in any other way. As a minimum sanction, a student discovered cheating or assisting another student with cheating will receive a grade of zero on the exam. If a student if found cheating more than once, they will be permanently removed from the class.

Extra Credit: You can earn up to 20 extra credit points by participating in approved research studies (approved studies will be announced in class) – you can earn 5 points for each hour of research participation. You may also earn extra credit points by completing additional (one's you did not do with your group) individual case study reports. You will earn 5 points for each additional report up to 4 can be turned in, but no more than 20 pts can be acquired through any type of extra credit. More information will be given in class about extra credit.

Point Distribution:

Assignments	Number of points for each	Total possible points
Five cases (group grade)	60	300
Paper or SOLD participation	60	60
Professionalization of presentation (group grade)	40	40
In class examinations (individual grade for 2 examinations)	50	
Total earned points		500
Attendance/absences (Bonus or penalty points-individual points)		+10 to - 10
Extra Credit		+20 - 0
Total possible points		530

Grading: The final letter grade for each student will be determined by combining the total points from the two exams, presentations, reports, attendance, and extra-credit points.

Criteria for letter grades:*

450-500 points = A 400-449 points = B 350-399 points = C 300-349 points = D Less than 299 points: F

^{*}Note these point breakdowns are subject to change throughout the semester.

Tentative Schedule¹

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Week/Date	Topic
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	requirements
	 Assignments into groups
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Sept 1	 Guidelines on summarizing the
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Sept 13	• Case: British Airways; pg. 24
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	• Readings: pp. 82-107 - Sustainability
	• Case: GlaxoSmithKline; pg. 74
Sept 20	• Thursday Speaker: Bernie Karl, Phil
	Cole, or Michele Hebert?
	Module 2
	• Recipients of Change
Sept 27	* Readings: pp. 336-347 – The Individual
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	• Thursday Speaker: Kris Racina
	* Readings: pp. 389-403 -
	Communication
	• Case: Apple; pg. 322
Oct 4	• Case: Israel; pg. 347
	• Thursday Group 2 presents
	Module 3
	 Leading Change
	 Readings: pp. 423-430 & 475-493 –
Oct 11	Leadership Development
	 Case: Disney; pg. 410 & 415
	• Thursday Speaker: Fire Chief Doug
	Schrage, or President Hamilton?
	• <i>Readings:</i> pp. 448-462 – Middle
	Management
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	• Case: Baskin; pg. 445
	• Thursday Group 3 presents
Oct 25	Module 4

¹ This syllabus represents the best reasonable expectation of the instructor at the beginning of the semester, but is subject to change to improve the quality of learning or to accommodate unforeseen events (for instance, we may cover one presentation during the final in case of foul weather).

	 Changing the Game Readings: pp. 113-120 – Vision Exam Review Thursday: Exam 1
Nov 1	 Readings: pp. 132-140 & 182-198 – Inspiration and Resilience Case: Motorola; pg. 120 Thursday Speaker: President Gamble Readings: pp. 149-163 – Model for Change Case: Merrill Lynch; pg. 140
	• Thursday Group 4 presents Module 5
Nov 15	 Implementing Change Readings: pp. 211-220– Implementation Case: White Cap; pg. 203 Thursday Speaker: Brian Rodgers, Fred Schlutt, or Cam Carlson?
Nov 22	 Readings: pp. 239-255 – Managing Reorientation Case: Marconi plc; pg. 220 Group 5 presents
Nov 24	Thanksgiving No School
Nov 29	 Readings: pp. 264-276 & 298-308 – Changing Culture? Case: Seagram; pg. 255 Thursday Speaker: Kris Racina, Brian Rodgers, or Minster Derrick Dickinson?
Dec 6	Module Six Continuous Change Readings: pp. 553-563 & 610-617 — Large Scale Change Case: Singapore Airlines; pg. 535 Case: GE; pg. 563 Prep Final Exam

Dec 15..... Final Exam: Thursday 8:00-10:00am

Different from the book! We are going to be doing things slightly different from the book. They name the modules 1-6, but I do not like the way they laid the material out. So we are going to shake things up a bit and change the order of the modules.

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PROFESSIONAL CRITICISM

What is professional criticism? It is a systematic assessment of the adequacy of the work of a colleague. The focus usually is on an article, research project, dissertation, or presentation where a position is being developed.

Providing good critical evaluations.

- Closely review the work. Critical reviewing is hard work. It requires one to read
 closely and evaluatively. Accept that when you review a work, it is your
 professional responsibility to provide an *objective*, carefully considered
 evaluation.
- Make a sort in your review: Sort out minor issues from major issues. Distinguish among at least the following:
 - Mechanics of writing. A manuscript should meet professional standards in terms of spelling, grammar, and structure of the piece. These are mechanical issues, not substantive. Mechanics is the least problematic in improving a work.
 - Clarity of the question posed or major thesis being developed. Often the
 focus will shift as people work on a topic. This creates difficulties for the
 author and reviewer. Identify how clear the question or thesis is.
 - Meeting the standards of methodology of theory building and research design.
 - If the theory does not meet the standards of theory building, it is unlikely that research will lead to any useful insights.
 - If the research design does not meet the standards of good design, the potential for arriving at useful findings is limited.
 - If both theory building and research design are faulty, the resulting data is likely to have little meaning. These are serious substantive issues and most of your attention should be given to them.
 - Substantive theory, familiarity with relevant work in the area and cognate areas. Most work builds on the foundation of previous work. To the extent one is inadequately grounded in previous work, the potential for additivity is low. Is the person grounded in field and familiar with relevant work?
- Organize and systematically present your critique. If a sort has been made, this step naturally follows.
- Do not insist that all your points be accepted and implemented.
 - You are providing advice and a critical perspective.
 - Your viewpoint must be set against others who may be taking the opposite or at least a different position.
 - It is the responsibility of the presenter to decide on what is useful, may be useful but requires a closer assessment, and those points that are not helpful in refining the work.
 - o A professional discussion is not a test between the reviewer and presenter.

Helpful techniques in constructively using critical comments.

- **Detach yourself from the work.** If you and your work are identified as a single entity, it will not be possible to constructively use critical comments. Once it is submitted for critical review, consider the piece as a work in process where you are drawing on group resources to improve it. The work in progress is under review--not you.
- Clarify the point before reacting. Often the critic and presenter go by each other with neither understanding the points made. Be sure that you understand what is being criticized before responding. It is useful to state your understanding of the point before responding.
- **Bring others into the discussion**. Often others can be helpful in clarifying and extending the issues that are opened. Draw upon the group resources when you are unsure of how to respond.
- Go back to the drawing board. Many issues cannot be resolved without
 intensive consideration. Accept that this is an issue that has to be closely
 considered and move the discussion on to other points. Be quite clear in the
 discussion that this is what you are doing--neither accepting, nor rejecting the
 point at this time.
- Use criticism to hone down the work. Good professional criticism is likely to result in clarifying a number of errors, points only partly developed, and other issues that require exploration. If you started with the premise that the work was in the best shape that you or anyone else could create, then the tendency is to cast the work aside and start again when you find it lacks in numerous ways. This might be necessary, but usually is an error. Starting a new project does not solve the problem since it will also be faulty. Use the criticism to improve the work in process.

Constructively using critical comments. Constructive use of criticism involves critically evaluating the points that are made. The points are weighted for their insights. A sort is made:

- Clarify what the criticism is before responding. If someone states that your writing is dense, poorly organized, and wandering, request the critic to clarify the point either by identifying particular problems (you state a thesis and then do not support the position--for example, ...; the paper is deficient in that topics are taken up that have little or nothing to do with the thesis being developed--for example, ...; the paper is weak in mechanics--it lacks an introduction and a conclusion, ...
- If obvious errors were made, accept the points as useful and incorporate the changes—(that is a good point that I had overlooked); be open in your acceptance and avoid "well, maybe there is something to your point."
- If the reviewer appears to have made an obvious error, or appears to misunderstand, reject the criticism, and **defend your position**—(e.g. I believe that you misunderstand the point being made. If I understand you correctly, you are saying that . . . If that is your position, let me clarify in another way my point . . .)